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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS OF SECRETARY VANCE TESTIMONY CITE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE

1. KOREAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS FEBRUARY 26 REPORTS TESTIMONY BY SECRETARY VANCE BEFORE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, RECOMMENDING THAT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN KOREA NOT BE CUT, DESPITE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. KOREA TIMES CARRIES STORY COMPILED FROM WIRE SERVICES QUOTING SECRETARY AS SAYING ADMINISTRATION SHARED CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KOREA BUT "ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE SECURITY COMMITMENTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. WE STAND BEHIND THOSE COMMITMENTS." QUOTATION CONTINUES: "WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO CUT REQUIRED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO KOREA DESPITE THE FACT WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS IN THAT COUNTRY." STORY ALSO NOTES STATEMENT THAT ADMINISTRATION HAD SLASHED AID TO ARGENTINA, ETHIOPIA AND URUGAY BECAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THOSE COUNTRIES. KOREA HERALD CARRIES SLIGHTLY SHORTER BUT SIMILAR ACCOUNT. KOREAN LANGUAGE PRESS, HOWEVER, WHILE BIEFLY NOTING SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION ON CONTINUING ASSISTANCE, HAS NOT SO FAR INCLUDED REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE.

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2. COMMENT: BELIEVE THIS IS FIRST TIME KOREAN PRESS HAS CARRIED ADMINISTRATION TESTIMONY ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO KOREA.  
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